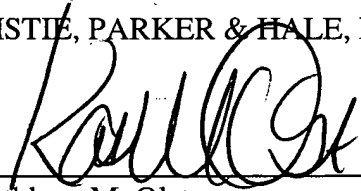


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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office action dated June 24, 2003, the Examiner required restriction to one of two groups, namely, Group I containing claim 1 to 5 and 7 to 16, directed to a pressure sensitive adhesive composition comprising a rubbery continuous phase, and Group II containing claims 6 and 17 to 20, directed to a pressure sensitive adhesive composition comprising an aqueous hydrogel. Applicant hereby elects Group I without traverse. Applicant has canceled non-elected claims 6 and 17 to 20 without prejudice to pursuing these claims in a divisional application.

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